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the Nagytarcsa Chemical Warfare Center

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A well-drawn sketch of the various buildings, installations and grounds of the Nagytarcsa Chemical Warfare Center, located about 8 kilometers from the Kistarcsa railroad station

Accompanying the sketch is a key identifying the various buildings and facilities shown. In addition, information is provided on the nature, size, commanding officers, and duties of the special garrison there.

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Layout Sketch and Technical Description of the
Nagytarcsa Special Chemical Warfare Unit

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1. The garrison lies approximately 8 kilometers from the Kistarcsa station. Amacadam road leads to the garrison. There are MAV [Hungarian State Railways] bus transportation facilities.

The permanent number of enlisted men is 500.

The number of officers and re-enlisted senior NCO's is 210.

The number of technical and other troops is 150.

The Nagytarcsa Special Chemical Warfare Unit is the only one of its kind in Hungary. The unit is a lighter combat branch, equipped for mechanized training in mustard and other lighter gases.

From March to November of this year, there is military training for reservists, which lasts 3 months per individual. From May 1955 until 1 August, 2 participated in this training as company clerk and construction chief.

The garrison is surrounded by plowed fields and orchards -- in a radius of approximately 8 kilometers. The smaller maneuvers are conducted around the garrison. The intensified and larger maneuvers are held approximately 6 kilometers from the garrison at a place which called Doberdo. The garrison's Commander is Captain Bela Farkas who was promoted in 1955. The Headquarters Commander is a Russian Lt. Colonel.

The identification of the buildings is indicated by the following designations:

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- 2/A. Enlisted men's [quarters] and classrooms.
- 3/B. Radio, Postoffice and Hq.
- 4/C. Hospital and Baths
- 5/D. Kitchen, Mess Hall, Canteen, and Officer's Mess.
- 6/E. Clothing and Food Storage with minor workshops.
- 7/F. Open garage and motor assembly shop.
- 8/G. Officer-of-the-Guard and Stockade premises.
- 9/H. Firing Range
- 10/I. Weapons Warehouse
- 11/J. Laboratory and Chemical Materials Warehouse.
- 12/K. Ammo dump of reinforced concrete structure.
- 13/L. Miscellaneous Warehouse.
- 14/M. Gasoline pump.
- 15/O. Special Chemical Laboratory.
- 16/P. Mustard-gas Warehouse.
- 17/R. Water Storage Basin.
- 18/S. EM Chauffeurs' Building.
- 19/Z. Main guards and gate guards.
- 20/T. Concrete water ditch; depth 4 meters, width 3 meters.
- 21/U. Sites of tents erected for summer training.
- 22/X. Sites of buildings planned in 1956.
- 23/V. Garrison's parade ground.

The drawing, attached to the technical description, was drafted according to a profile view to a scale of 1:50. The scale and the scales' hundredths were prepared accurately.

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The concrete ditch and area between the fence in the garrisons' north section is mined sparsely — the mines are placed approximately 1 meter apart. The garrisons' guards are dispersed in the garrison area, as follows. The main guards and gate guards are stationed in building 19/Z; the guard, stationed at the 17/R water storage, walks the route marked with an arrow. The guard stationed at building 6/E remains near the building. The guard of 12/K [is stationed] on the embankment above the ammunition dump — two guards are on duty at this location. There is one guard on duty along the northern part of the 20/T concrete ditch and another along the southern part. At buildings 13/L, 15/O, and 16/P, there are two guards on duty — one on the entrance side of the building and the other concrete ditch side of the building. Buildings 10/J and 11/I are guarded on two sides from the marked sentry-sheds. At the 7/F garage, the guard is stationed at the place shown in the drawing. The guard at 9/M walks between the firing range and the garrison fence. The guard at 8/G is on duty in front of the officer-of-the guard building. The guard-of-honor is located in Commanders' building 1/B left of the entrance.

Building 12/K is a cutaway sketch on the drawing since the building is sunk into the ground and is embanked with earth for the purpose of camouflaging.

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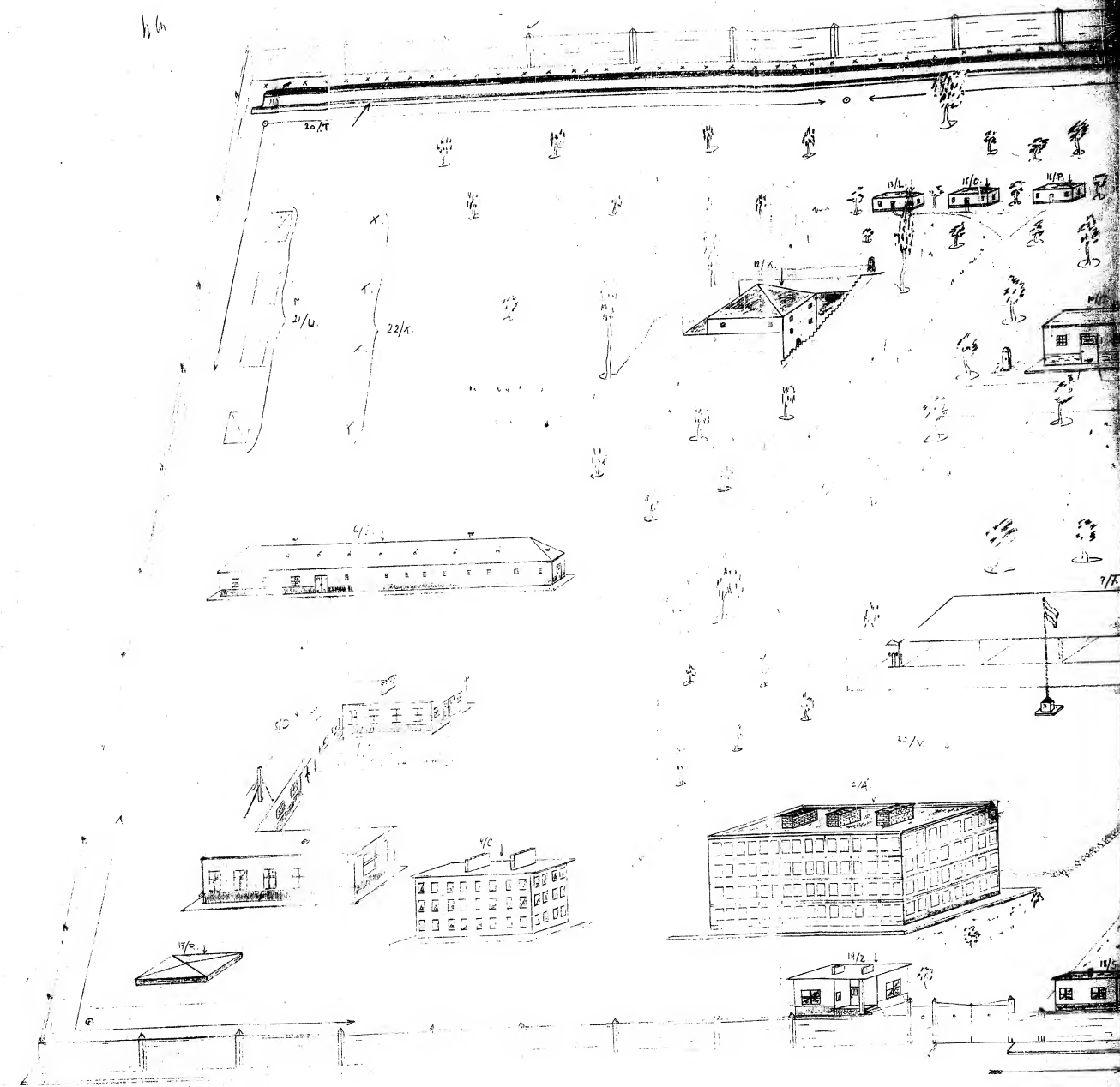
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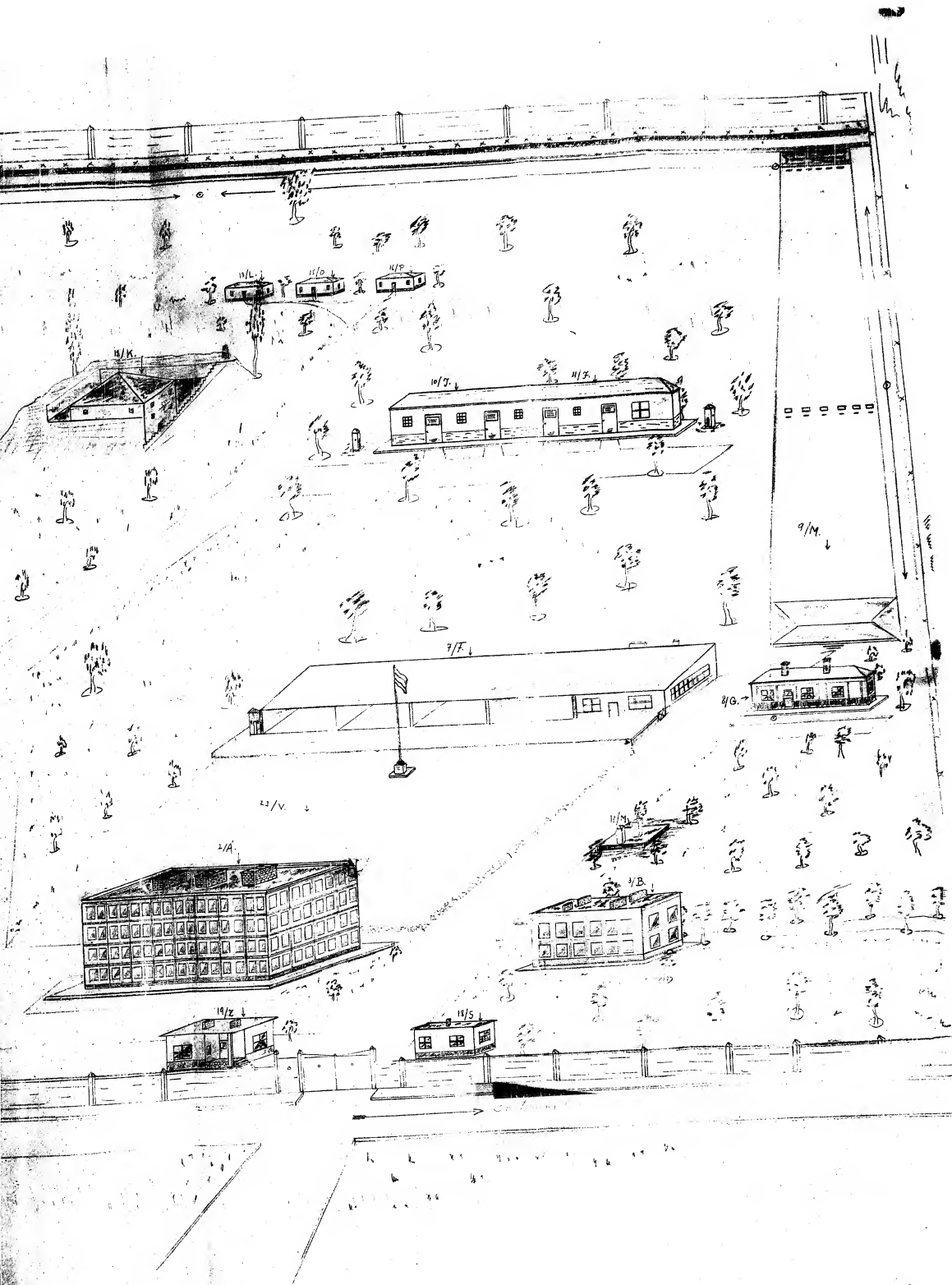
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